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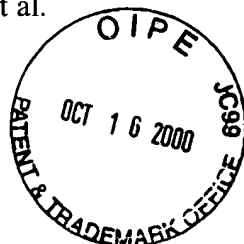
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Sir :

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application:

Rothman, J.E., *Mechanisms of Intracellular Protein Transport*, Nature, 372, 55-63 (1994), is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at page 2, line 17.

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Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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